

**REMARKS**

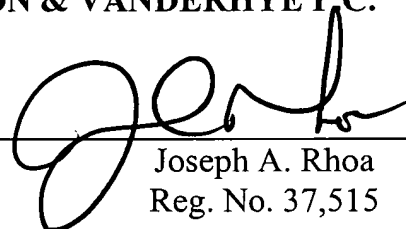
Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement of September 24, 2003,  
applicant hereby elects Species II, without traverse. At least claims 2-10, 14, 16 and 18  
read on the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that all elected claims are in condition for allowance.  
If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the  
undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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